

## CLAIMS

1. A system for providing recognition elements to a small group or family, comprising;
  - a package of printable identification bands; each of the bands sized and configured to fit around an appendage;
  - readable software to enable the rendering of information to at least one of said bands contained within said package;
  - a computer means for reading said readable software;
  - an input means for inputting information into said computer means based on inquiries received from said software;
  - a connection means for connecting said computer means to a printer; and
  - said printer for imaging indicia on at least one of said bands.
2. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said connection means includes a global communication network.
3. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer means and said printer are located at locations remote from one another.
4. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer means and said printer are located at a single location.
5. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said communication means includes a local area network.
6. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said software is provided on a compact disc.
7. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said input means is a keyboard.

8. A personal identification package for a group or family, comprising;  
a group of at least partially blank wristbands;  
a set of computer readable instructions for producing data on at least one of said partially blank wristbands;  
a set of human readable instructions for using said computer readable instructions and said wristbands; and  
a container for containing said partially blank wristbands, said computer readable instructions and said human readable instructions.

9. A personal identification package as recited in claim 8, wherein said package includes marketing materials relating to possible applications for said identification package.

10. A personal identification package as recited in claim 8, wherein said package includes promotional offers to consumer products or services.

11. A personal identification package as recited in claim 8, wherein said package further includes a series of removable, decorative labels for use in personalizing at least one of said wristbands.

12. A personal identification package as recited in claim 8, wherein said computer readable instructions are provided on a compact disc.

13. A method of using a personal identification system for a small group or family, comprising the steps of;  
providing a series of at least partially blank wristbands;  
installing computer readable software containing instructions relating to use of said wristbands;

inputting information into a first data field in response to queries received from said software for a first participant in a group or family activity;  
determining whether additional participants are available for said group or family activity;  
selecting whether to print said first data field onto at least a first wristband or continuing with inputting data relating to additional participants; and  
printing said at least a first wristband with said first data set.

14. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein each of said wristbands created through the method is provided with personalized and fixed information.

15. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein said fixed information is selected from a group including family information, group data, dates of an activity, name of an activity, place of an activity and combinations thereof.

16. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein said personalized information is selected from a group including physical descriptions of participants, birth dates, name and addresses, phone numbers, contact information and combinations thereof.

17. A method as recited in claim 14, including an additional step of positioning at least one wristband in a printer prior to the step of printing said at least one wristband.

18. A method as recited in claim 14, including an additional step of placing said at least one wristband on a participant for the activity after the step of printing said at least one wristband.

19. A method as recited in claim 19, including an additional step of removing said at least one wristband from a participant after the step of placing.

20. A method as recited in claim 14, including an additional step of sealing said at least one wristband to create a laminated wristband after the step of printing said at least one wristband.

21. A method of marketing a personal identification package to small groups and families, comprising the steps of;

producing a package, said package containing at least one imprintable identification band and computer readable software;

creating marketing collateral targeted at small groups or families; and

distributing said package in response to requests from small groups or families.

22. A method of marketing as recited in claim 21, including a further step of inserting promotional offerings in the package after the step of producing the package.